

TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO

Words and Music by Mark and Helen Johnson

- 1 Two thousand years ago in Bethlehem, in Bethlehem,
Two thousand years ago a baby king was born.
(Repeat)

CHORUS *Gather round and listen to our Christmas story,
Though you've heard it many times before;
How the God of heaven showed His love towards us,
So that we can live for evermore!*

- 2 Two thousand years ago He came to us, He came to us,
Two thousand years ago He came to love us all.
(Repeat)

CHORUS

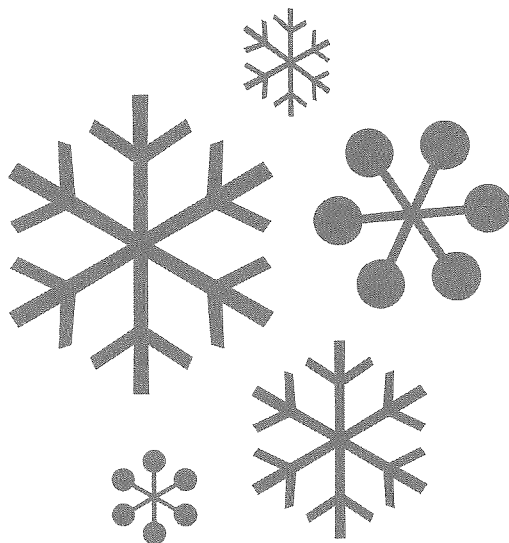
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AWAY IN A MANGER

Words: Traditional

Music by William J Kirkpatrick

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes:
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

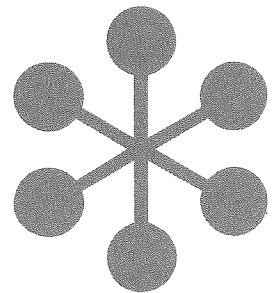


WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED

Words by Nahum Tate

Music based on original melody from Este's *Psalms*, arranged by W H Monk

- 1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around.
- 2 "Fear not" said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind.
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind".
- 3 "To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign."
- 4 "A heavenly babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling clothes
And in a manger laid."
- 5 Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song.
- 6 All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace,
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men
Begin and never cease.



WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

Words and Music by Rev. John Henry Hopkins Jr

- 1 We three kings of orient are,
Bearing gifts we travel afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

CHORUS *O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!*

- 2 Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

CHORUS

- 3 Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense tells of Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, all are raising,
Worship Him God most high!

CHORUS

- 4 Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom,
Sorrow, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

CHORUS

- 5 Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice!
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Heaven to earth replies.

CHORUS

THIS CHRISTMAS TIME

Words and Music by Mark and Helen Johnson

1 In a cold stone church, under moon and stars,
People stand as the organ starts,
And the candles flicker into the dark, this Christmas time.

2 There's a child awake in her bed upstairs,
Snuggled up with her teddy bears,
As she thinks of presents she says her prayers, this Christmas time.

CHORUS *Merry Christmas to you, merry Christmas ev'rybody,
Here's to friends old and new and to this Christmas time.*

3 In a steamy kitchen a mother stands,
Peeling parsnips and boiling ham,
How she hopes the dinner will go to plan, this Christmas time.

4 In an empty street under cloudless skies,
Sits an old man with bundle tied,
And he huddles down for another night, this Christmas time.

CHORUS

*Here's to the message the angels sang.
Here's to the Saviour who came for all men,
Born for you and for me, for strangers and friends.*

5 There's a world still needing to hear good news,
More than presents and Christmas food.
May you find the love that God has for you, this Christmas time!

CHORUS

*Merry Christmas to you, merry Christmas ev'rybody,
Here's to friends old and new and to this Christmas time,
And to this Christmas time.*